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I CONCUR IN FORMULATION REFTEL B WITH FOLLOWING EXCEPTION:
THE LAST ITEM IN SECTION IV SHOULD EITHER BE
ELIMINATED OR BE MADE MORE SPECIFIC. ESSENCE OF THE
SYRIAN DEPENDENCE UPON THE USSR IS THE SYRO-SOVIET ARMS
RELATIONSHIP. GIVEN THE UNLIKELIHOOD THAT WE WILL COMPETE
WITH THE SOVIETS IN THIS FIELD, THE ONLY PRACTICAL
IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS TASK, IN MY OPINION, WOULD BE FOR
WASHINGTON TO ENCOURAGE THIRD COUNTRY ARMS SUPPLIERS
TO BE MORE AGGRESSIVE IN THE SYRIAN MARKET. THE EMBASSY
COULD PLAY SUPPORTING ROLE.
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